

**AMENDMENTS**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the following paragraphs after the paragraph ending at line 2 on page 8:

As illustrated and oriented in FIG. 9, laminated structure 10 can comprise a horizontally stacked multi-layered stack of substantially rectangular and substantially planar slabs 118, 120, 122, 124 constructed of dielectric material, each slab segregated from its nearest neighboring slab by one of a plurality of adjacent substantially rectangular and substantially planar electrodes 126, 128, 130, 132. Each of slabs 118, 120, 122, 124 defines a respective length, width, and thickness, the length substantially greater than the width, the width substantially greater than the thickness. Each of electrodes 126, 128, 130, 132 defines a respective length, width, and thickness, the length substantially greater than the width, the width substantially greater than the thickness. Each of substantially rectangular and substantially planar ground planes 136, 138 defines a respective length, width, and thickness, the length substantially greater than the width, the width substantially greater than the thickness. Substantially rectangular and substantially planar center strip 134 defines a length, width, and thickness, the length substantially greater than the width, the width substantially greater than the thickness. As illustrated, each of slabs 118, 120, 122, 124, electrodes 126, 128, 130, 132, ground planes 136, 138, and center strip 134 substantially resembles a cuboid (a.k.a., a rectangular parallelepiped).

As illustrated and oriented in FIG. 9, each of slabs 118, 120, 122, 124 respectively comprises two opposing sides, each side defined by the respective length and the width. Each of

electrodes 126, 128, 130, 132 respectively comprises two opposing sides, each side defined by the respective length and the width. Each of ground planes 136, 138 respectively comprises two opposing sides, each side defined by the respective length and the width. Center strip 134 comprises two opposing sides, each side defined by the respective length and the width.

As illustrated and oriented in FIG. 9, each of slabs 118, 120, 122, 124 respectively comprises two horizontal edges and two vertical edges, the horizontal edges defined by the length and thickness of the respective slab, the vertical edges defined by the width and thickness of the respective slab. Each of electrodes 126, 128, 130, 132 respectively comprises two horizontal edges and two vertical edges, the horizontal edges defined by the length and thickness of the respective electrode, the vertical edges defined by the width and thickness of the respective electrode. Each of ground planes 136, 138 respectively comprises two edges defined by the length and thickness of the respective ground plane, and two edges defined by the width and thickness of the respective ground plane. Center strip 134 comprises two edges defined by the length and thickness of center strip 134, and two edges defined by the width and thickness of center strip 134.

As illustrated and oriented in FIG. 9, each of ground planes 136, 138 can be mounted with its sides perpendicular to the sides of slabs 118, 120, 122, 124. Each of ground planes 136, 138 can be mounted with its sides perpendicular to the sides of electrodes 126, 128, 130, 132. Center strip 134 can be mounted with its sides perpendicular to the sides of slabs 118, 120, 122, 124. Center strip 134 can be mounted with its sides perpendicular to the sides of electrodes 126, 128, 130, 132. Ground planes 136, 138 can be positioned lengthwise parallel to, coplanar with, and

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spatially separated from, center strip 134. Center strip 134 can be located between ground planes 136, 138.